



December 20, 2002

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 98-147, and 96-98

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the Competitive Telecommunications Association ("CompTel") hereby gives notice that on December 19, 2002, its representative, and a representative of CompTel's member company Remi Communications met with Pamela Arluk of the Wireline Competition Bureau. In this meeting, CompTel explained the difficulty that competitive carriers may experience in trying to use third party signaling systems and databases. Specifically, because third party SS7 providers do not typically allow competitive carriers access to their service creation environments in their service control point databases, a competitor seeking to distinguish itself using the TCAP messaging capabilities of the signaling system would face prohibitive cost disadvantages if it were completely foreclosed from the ILEC SS7—where competitors are able to use the ILEC's service creation environment to create unique calling features.

In attendance at the meetings were: David Malfara of Remi Communications, and the undersigned attorney from CompTel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan D. Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" being more prominent than the last name "Lee".

Jonathan D. Lee  
Vice President,  
Regulatory Affairs